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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Administration  
Director of Security

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SUBJECT: 22 February Hearing on the Polygraph Before  
Senate Select Committee on Intelligence

1. Attached at Tab A is a letter from Chairman Goldwater of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) setting forth, in greater detail, information the Committee is interested in reviewing at the closed hearing on the polygraph scheduled at 2:00 p.m. on February 22. The Committee is particularly interested in discussing the following subjects:

An explanation and comparison of the different kinds of testing (e.g., pre-employment, post-hiring screening, counterintelligence and investigative);

Types of questions asked;

The number of such tests given each year;

The success and failure rates, how a "failure" is determined, how a "failure" is factored into the final decision as to the disposition of the matter; and

What happens to a person who is the subject of a negative final disposition.

The Committee also has requested information on how the Agency resolves "hard cases" in which the polygraph indicates significant deception, but the individual refuses to admit or disclose any derogatory information.

2. Attached at Tab B is a rough draft of our proposed testimony which answers many of the above questions, and will be further refined today to satisfy the Committee's requests.

3. We would like to schedule a meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 21 February 1984, in  office (7D-43) to discuss this draft testimony and to prepare for the possible questions which will likely be raised by the Committee at the hearing.

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Attachments

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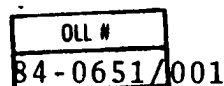
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February 14, 1984



Mr. Clair E. George  
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Dear Clair:

The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence is holding a closed hearing on February 22, 1984, at 2:00 p.m. in Room S-407 on the issue of polygraph examinations. These hearings are being held relative to a commitment to do so during negotiations on delaying until April 15, 1984, the Carlucci Directive and proposed changes in the Department of Defense's polygraph regulations. The Committee is requesting testimony from representatives of CIA and NSA, as well as the Department of Defense.

The Intelligence Committee is interested in reviewing how current polygraph procedures work at CIA, NSA and DOD. Some specific areas we want discussed include: an explanation and comparison of the different kinds of testing (e.g., pre-employment, post-hiring screening, counterintelligence and investigative), types of questions asked, the number of such tests given each year, the success and failure rates, how a "failure" is determined, how a "failure" is factored into the final decision as to the disposition of the matter, and what happens to a person who is the subject of a negative final disposition.


Additionally, testimony should discuss the incidence of what might be called "hard cases" -- those involving agency employees, or proposed detailees or contractors who previously held security clearances and whose physiological responses indicated deception, but who did not confess or otherwise admit negative information -- and how these cases were resolved.

In general, the Committee is interested in how the polygraph is working at NSA and CIA to help guide its review of the Carlucci Directive and related proposals to change the use of polygraph by the Defense Department. In this connection, DOD is requested to explain its present polygraphing procedure, the proposed changes and the reasons for such changes.


Mr. Clair E. George  
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Please provide for the record copies of relevant agency policies and regulations, and any previously compiled research concerning the scientific validity and utility of the various kinds of polygraph examinations.

Sincerely,

  
Barry Goldwater  
Chairman

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